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Fort Erie Opti-Mrs members Anne Taylor, Dianne Parker, Helen Gianfrancesco, Linda West and Margie Barber are getting ready for the service club's annual High Tea, to be held at the Opti-Mrs Hall on Sept. 30 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a bake sale, sandwiches and much more.



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# Council moving ahead with Ridgeway Village Square

Kris Dubé  
Editor

The community of Ridgeway is getting closer to

having another place to gather.

At Monday's council-in-committee meeting, local politicians voted in favour

of beginning the tendering process for the village square that is set to be built in the village's downtown core.

Council provided its full support for tendering the project by the end of October, but there were some questions raised, mostly about the water feature that is included in the plans.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley was the first to raise concerns.

"How integral is the water feature to the whole village square?" Steckley asked director of community and development services Rick Brady.

Brady said it is very important to the overall product and that it is something residents have shown support for and expect to be

a part of it.

"It's always been a promise to the community," said Brady.

Steckley also brought up the annual operating cost the water feature is anticipated to have attached to it, which is \$21,243. He also said the fact that there is an only two-year-old splash-pad up the road at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre, should be taken into consideration.

"I'm not sure if that's really the way to go," said Steckley.

Brady also pointed out that \$75,000 of the splash-pad's cost is covered by community donations.

He also told Steckley that the water feature would not run 24 hours a day.

"It certainly will not be on 24 hours a day, that's never been suggested as a possibility," said Brady.

The water will be on a timer and can also be activated with the push of a button, which will be useful when different types of events like concerts are held at the square.

"We've always thought of this space being used for a variety of purposes," said Brady.

The overall cost for the splash pad will be \$157,722 and construction cost is said to be \$674,239.

## Minor injuries



KRIS DUBÉ, Fort Erie Times

Niagara Regional Police, the Fort Erie Fire Department and Niagara Emergency Medical Services attended a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Thompson and Garrison Roads on Wednesday. There was one occupant in each vehicle and both were treated for minor injuries.

## Hiring firm selected for CAO job

Kris Dubé  
Editor

Council has chosen the hiring firm it will use to select a new chief administrative officer.

On Monday night, it was decided that Odgers-Bernistoun from Toronto will begin searching for a candidate that is suitable for the Town of Fort Erie's top job at Town Hall.

A sub-com-

mittee, made up of members of council was also voted on by local politicians through an open-ballot process.

Mayor Doug Martin was already named as one of the members, but two other councillors were needed to fill remaining spots.

After a vote, councillors John Hill and Bob Steckley were chosen.

Hill asked the Town's director of human resources

**I just think this is another expense we don't need at this time."**

— Mayor Doug Martin

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what the committee's role would be in the next step of the recruitment process.

He said its purpose is "steering recruitment to a point where council can make its decision."

Mayor Doug Martin briefly said that he does not support using a hiring firm, especially since the cost is just over \$28,000.

He has worked with the selected firm in the past and

feels they are professional and capable...but simply doesn't support the idea of reaching out to a firm at this stage.

"I just think this is another expense we don't need at this time," said Martin.

# 'Circle the course' for a cause

Hall of Fame jockey Sandy Hawley has joined the team at Fort Erie Race Track for its "Circle the Course for Cancer and COPE" charity event on September 23rd.

Hawley, the winner of over 6,400 races is also a cancer survivor. In 1987 he was diagnosed with skin cancer and doctors gave him only a few months to live but he was able to fight and beat the disease.

This is an extremely unique event that has never been held at Fort Erie Race Track in its 115 years of operation.

Participants who make a minimum donation of \$10.00 from a Cancer research will receive a limited edition commemorative Fort Erie Race Track lapel pin which will allow them

"Being a cancer survivor myself, I certainly know how important this event is.

"Please show your support and bring out your family and friends and join myself and my fellow riders for this fun filled day."

Donations will be accepted only on September 23 and will be received at several booths located at the track beginning at 11:00 am.

Those who partake in this special event are asked to wear at least one article of yellow clothing in keeping with the Canadian Cancer Society's colour theme.

A celebration will take place at the Tiki Bar Patio after the event has been successfully completed.

## Jockey injured



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

An accident at the Fort Erie Race Track has left a horse dead and a rider suffering from a broken femur, track officials said Tuesday. During the seventh race on Monday, Stormy Keeper, ridden by jockey Regina Sealock, fell at the quarter pole. As a result of the fall, the 3-year-old horse owned by Knowlton Ridge Equestrian Centre was euthanized. Sealock, a winner of 772 career races, was taken by ambulance to Greater Niagara General Hospital. Iissa Blowe, manager of media and marketing at the track, said these types of incidents are rare in Fort Erie. "I've been here for three years and we haven't had an injury like this," she said on Tuesday. Sealock was to act as the ambassador for the upcoming Circle the Course for Cancer and COPE event to be held Sunday and will no longer be able to take part.



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"I'm looking forward to being at Fort Erie Race Track for the Circle the Course day," said Sandy Hawley.

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# NHS supervisor says entire region needs to agree on new hospital location

QMI Agency

If there is ever to be a new hospital in south Niagara, then the Niagara Health System and the region as a whole need to get their act together, says the hospital system's supervisor.

Kevin Smith, who recently recommended to the provincial government that a second new hospital be built in Niagara Falls to replace aging buildings in the southern tier, said the NHS has to show the new hospital being built in St. Catharines will work before Queen's Park will fund another.

"That is absolutely critical that the NHS show the transfer of services to the new hospital can be done effectively," Smith said at a Wednesday morning press conference.

He also said ongoing political arguments in the region over health care have to end. The recent squabble over the location of a new hospital in Niagara Falls that would replace facilities in Niagara Falls, Welland, Port Colborne and Fort Erie, continues to be divisive, which could threaten provincial government sup-

port.

"We have to show we are ready to move from a system that I would describe as having been a loose association of sites to a true regional system," he said.

"Niagara has to show it is ready for the next step in a time in which the government has very limited resources. This is a generational opportunity for Niagara."

# Salon cutting for a cause

Women's Place of South Niagara to benefit from event on Sept. 30

A local hair salon wants to help raise funds for Women's Place of South Niagara.

On Sunday Sept. 30, Nino D'Ambra Hair and Aesthetics will donate proceeds from the entire business day to the local organization from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A ladies cut will be \$35 and a men's cut and style will be \$20.

There will also be 50/50 tickets sold during the

day.

In 2011, Women's Place of South Niagara provided safe shelter to 287 women and children, legal assistance to 412 women and counselling to 1,937 women on their 24 hour crisis line.

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# Man tries to enter United States on train bridge

Technology plays a role in capturing 42-year-old citizen of Belarus

Matt Day

QMI Agency

A man trying to enter the United States illegally by running across the

International Railway Bridge in Fort Erie was caught Tuesday morning.

At around 6 a.m., U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents spotted the man, later identified as a 42-year-old citizen of Belarus, after being alerted by video surveillance.

Michael Scioli, lead border agent, said technology had a big role to play in the arrest.

"What a success story,

“You have no idea what you're encountering.”

— Michael Scioli  
border agent

Our video technology picked up a subject in really bad weather in the shadows of darkness running across the bridge,” he said.

Once the surveillance system spotted the man, agents were able to perform a “tactical arrest” by yelling out commands to the suspect.

“It’s the safest way to arrest somebody,” said Scioli. “When someone is running across the bridge

like that, there’s a reason they didn’t go legally through customs. You have no idea what you’re encountering.”

He said the man was arrested on the U.S. side and taken to the Buffalo Border Patrol Station for further processing.

The man will appear in front of an immigration judge at a later date to answer to the charge of illegal entry into the U.S.



# opinion page

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## our editorial

# Look around and take a deep breath

Give peace a chance.

This is an old expression that needs to be put to use in Greater Fort Erie.

We are going to touch on the feuding that continues in this town and how perpetuating it isn't going to help.

There is a time and place for expressing concerns...it's a right everyone has.

But when it's the only thing you do, putting some consideration into something else needs to be put on the table.

Members of the public accuse some members of "ruining our town" or that they don't have the best interests of the community in mind.

A better understanding of who the real members of the community are needs to be better understood first.

It's the ones whose families have lived here for generations.

Just because there are about 15 people in a town of 30,000 people that are still trying to bring down the Crystal Beach condo...it doesn't mean they are "the people."

Everyone on both sides, take a deep breath and look at what's going on around you.

-Kris Dubé

# Reader wants answers about government's plans for horse racing

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to Premier McGuinty, the opposition parties, and the media who all need to be held accountable for the assault on democracy in Ontario regarding the demise of horse racing in this province.

Never in my life have I seen such disregard for the truth when it was announced that the provincial "subsidy" for horse racing was ending, yet nobody seems to question

why? For starters, horse racing was never subsidized, rather it was a revenue sharing agreement between the Horse People's Association, the racetracks and the municipalities to offset the loss of revenue by the tracks to house the slots. Mike Harris had it right on in that respect...keep all of the gaming out of the towns and cities and in the racetracks where gambling is already established. The present day political pork barrel seems to miss the forest for all the trees they want to fall.

How is it that every other province gets a many times over return on their horse racing industry while Ontario is swirling down the toilet? Why is it that the Liberal government of Ontario, who are blatantly lying and is in a minority position, dictates who can make a living and who cannot, whose livestock gets to live and whose will be systematically slaughtered with no justification or compensation? Where are the opposition parties standing on this issue? They're way out in the



# Do You Remember?

We received no bites on last week's photo with the fishermen; so it will go back into the unidentified people binders which are housed here at the Museum. Remember, it is never too

late to phone in about that or any previous Do You Remember photo.

This week, we have a photo of a boy and his guinea pig with the name 'Bradley' written on the back.

Please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us at [museum@forterie.on.ca](mailto:museum@forterie.on.ca) if you know anything about this charming photo, or anything about last week's photo.

field, where nobody can see or hear them. What ever happened to the media and honest investigative journalism that exposes the real truth of the issue, no matter how deep it's buried in the manure pile? It seems more politically expedient these days to splash some trash on the front page instead of horses being lined up for systematic slaughter & families being lined up to collect welfare.

The government has bailed out the auto sector, yet hard working people in

the agricultural sector are being kicked to the curb and left to rot. These are hard working families that don't get paid overtime & statutory holidays. They can't take sick days. They just don't work in the industry, they live the industry. What about the breeding farms that have invested millions of dollars only to see their farms reduced to worthlessness? Let's also not forget the hay farmers, feed mills, trailer manufacturers, truck dealerships, veterinarians, trainers, grooms, jockeys,

and even Guelph University who is greatly affected by this absurd notion.

The racetrack here in Fort Erie had the nicest infield in all of North America, and has operated for 115 years. To me, that speaks volumes about the people in this industry, and their dedication and integrity to keep this industry alive as long as they have...and no bailouts ever.

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# opinion page

## Reader will regret moving if tower is built

The following is the second half of a letter that was printed in last week's issue

Dear Editor,

I have never regretted our decision to locate to this beautiful community.

However, if this tower is erected in this location (Nigh rd), I'm afraid I will have nothing but regret. Telecommunications Companies and the Government tell us that these Masts will not affect our health. Please remember, the Federal Government will make money off of the licensing. Municipal Government will make money off of the leasing (when erected on Town owned land), and of course

the Cell phone companies will get richer and richer. Million dollar corporations are trying to convince us that this is safe, even though it clearly has not been proven to be so. Big money versus the little guy.

It happens over and over again. And unfortunately, the big money generally wins, and the little guy loses. The cell phone companies often approach private property owners as well, and offer them massive amounts of money on a monthly basis, to put these Towers on their property.

Unfortunately, these property owners, often times, do not know the health risks they are subjecting themselves and their families to, they are just happy to be receiving the monthly income, in these days of closures, loss of jobs, and an

unstable economy.

To the Town Council of Fort Erie, I ask that you go deep into your conscience... please picture the faces of your children and grandchildren... with all the unknowns, would you willingly move them this close to a Tower? In the words of one of our Councillors.

"I wouldn't want it beside me".

Please make sure this and all future cell phone towers are erected in safer locations, not only safer for my family and neighbours, who choose to call this beautiful area home, but safer for the pokey old snapping turtle attempting to cross the street, the grazing deer, the curious raccoon, the spawning fish, and all other inhabitants of this untouched bush and wetlands. Maybe, we can be an example to

other communities ...and maybe they too will stand up and fight, and maybe Governments will begin to listen, and fully see that this technology, while truly amazing, also resulted in sicknesses of many kinds for our citizens, and far too often, disrupted the wildlife and greenery that surrounds us. And all that needed to be done, was to move the Towers to safer locations... away from people's homes. Far away from our beautiful forests and all who inhabit them.

Will this letter that I have written stop the erection of the Cell Tower? NO. And even though the licensing is Federal, our Town Council does have the ability to change the Towers to alternate locations. Some amazing people in this neighbourhood (Beth & Steve)

have spent many hours trying to prove why this location is a bad choice... I truly hope it has not fallen on deaf ears.

If nothing else, however, maybe it will raise awareness, and give our citizens the tools to research this topic themselves. Research both sides of the issue, and then come to an informed decision on how you feel about these structures.

Some of you may be for them, and some of you may be against them, but at least you will have looked at all of the angles. For those who don't want these in their neighbourhoods, let your voices be heard... protect your family... save our wilderness... we can make change... maybe not for those of us who will live near this particular Tower, but hopefully for the next people

who get the notice from the Town informing them of another proposed Tower right in their backyard... because I guarantee you... these structures will keep coming. And The Town will want them on their property because of the huge financial gain.

Again... please do the research... and tell your Government that you will not be put at risk for the almighty dollar.

I can't prove the dangers of these towers, but the cell phone companies, and government can't prove the safety of these Towers. Does it not then, make sense, to err on the side of safety?

Christine Savage  
Ridgeway

### 32 years of service



Last weekend, John Stickleas from John's General Store in Ridgeway was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the Ridgeway BIA. Thanking him for his 32 years in the business community were Vivianne Cooney and Dena Sahs.

## Going to college not an option for seniors who will lose jobs, says reader

From Page 6

The government says that everyone can be retrained... for what? Personally, I've been retrained and cannot get a job because of a lack of "experience".

Going back to college at

age 55 is not a realistic option because when I factor in my living and educational expenses, which I'll have to borrow, I'll be at least \$100,000.00 in debt, 60 years of age and still no experience... and who the hell is going to hire a 60 year old with no experience?

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Tim Robinson  
Fort Erie



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Gillian Corney, Manager of Revenue & Collections



# Young actor declares war at film festival

Ridgeway teen makes silver screen debut in film featured at TIFF

Kris Dubé  
Editor

A local 14-year-old just recently made his silver screen debut at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

Dyson Fyke has already dabbled in some acting with school plays and a handful of TV commercials, but on Sept. 9, it was the first time he and his friends and family were able to see him exercise his craft in a feature film.

"I Declare War" is a film comprised with a cast of only young teenagers, who are involved in a two-team battle in the middle of the forest.

It's not like the average childhood version of 'playing war'.

The characters fire machine guns and use coarse language. There are many bloody and violent scenes.

The film was rated 14A.

"This was my first really big part in a movie," said Fyke when meeting with the Fort Erie Times this week.

But it wasn't his first time on a movie set.

His older identical twin sisters auditioned for the family-comedy 'Cheaper By the Dozen 2' a few years ago and

**"I don't want to feel like I'm bragging about it."**

—Dyson Fyke

were selected as stand-in doubles.

Traveling with his sisters and supportive mother Joyce, he was chosen to be an extra in the movie.

Fyke described his character in this movie, Trevor Sikorski, as "the guy that takes it really seriously" and that obeyed every command in his direction from the team 'leader'.

The modest teenager, who is a grade ten student at Lakeshore Catholic High

School, says he doesn't act any differently after his celebrity status has been given a boost with his role in the film. If people ask, he will gladly answer their questions but he isn't the type that wants to make a spectacle of himself.

"I don't want to feel like I'm bragging about it," he said.

On set and at the premiere in Toronto, Dyson's mother Joyce explained how impressed she was with everyone behind the production.

How hard they all work at their jobs, but more importantly how all the young actors were spoken to and appreciated.

"They treated the kids with so much respect," said Joyce.

"And the amount of people involved, is so incredible."

The film was written and directed by Canadian Jason Lapeyre.



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Ridgeway resident Dyson Fyke stands with the promotional poster for the film 'I Declare War,' which he has a large role in. It premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival.



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Andrew Jolley, Anne Watters and Elliott Innes stand on the front step of the Salvation Army on Gilmore Road. The local agency needs more support and volunteers from Greater Fort Erie.

# Salvation Army in dire need of local support

Significant increase in need and decrease in donations a 'huge issue' for local agency

Kris Dubé  
Editor

The holiday season is when the local Salvation Army does most of its fundraising, but there is a need just as great throughout the entire year.

Last week, the local agency's manager of community and family services, Elliott Innes, sat down with the Fort Erie Times to explain how badly the support of local residents and businesses is needed.

The food bank at the Salvation Army on Gilmore Road serves anywhere

Forty thousand dollars isn't going to cut it... we have to step up our game."

— Elliott Innes  
Salvation Army  
community and family  
services manager

from 700 to 1,000 people per year but those figures are gradually getting worse.

The Ontario Association of Food Banks has calculated that since 2008, there has been a 25 per cent increase in need of services across the province.

"We've definitely seen that," said Innes.

What makes this figure even more difficult to deal with, is the fact that there has been a 25 per cent decrease in donations.

"That is a huge issue for us right now," he said.

The annual budget for the local Army is \$40,000 and Innes says that needs to be added onto significantly.

"Forty thousand dollars isn't going to cut it... we have to step up our game," said Innes.

The manager hopes that more businesses will offer their staff casual Fridays for a small donation or instead of holding a 'Secret Santa' gift exchange during the holidays, will decide to raise money for the food bank.

On Monday, Kelsey's on Garrison Road will be holding a 'community kickback' day and will donate ten per cent of its sales to the Salvation Army and its food bank.

"We really hope a lot of people will come out and support the cause," said Innes.

Volunteers are also needed for the food bank, along with the Christmas keno campaign.

Innes further proved that there are a lot of hungry people in Greater Fort Erie, pointing out that over 100 residents utilize the mobile outreach unit each week, a food truck that makes a variety of stops around the community to feed individuals and families in need.

"It's taken off like we never expected," said Innes.

The Salvation Army will also be holding a training session on October 26 and 27, to form an emergency services disaster response team.

For more information, contact Innes at (905) 871-1592 or step into its 255 Gilmore Rd. location.

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Husband and wife duo Pam and Jim Yorlido performing at the Italo-Canadian Club last Sunday, in a benefit country concert for the Fort Erie SPCA.

## Concert raises \$6,000

The power of song has helped the Fort Erie SPCA to the tune of \$6,000.

Last Sunday at the Italo-Canadian Club on DiPietro Street, A Country Legends concert hit the stage and Pam Yorlido, one of the event's organizers is thrilled with how it all went.

A special guest such as Roy LeBlanc, a five-time winner of the Elvis Festival in Collingwood, along with the several other performers from elsewhere in the province and Fort Erie made the event quite special she said.

All the funds raised will go toward spaying and neutering needs at the shelter.

Yorlido also said Mary Reinhart, another co-ordinator of the concert should be thanked for all her hard work.

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# Funding boost for Palliative Care ward at Douglas Memorial

**Matt Day**  
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For the first time ever, the Douglas Memorial Site will have a dedicated palliative care ward.

Recently, representatives from the Niagara Health System Foundation and the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation announced a \$500,000 funding boost inside what will be the Fort Erie site's new palliative care and complex care area.

"We're creating a better environment. We wanted to make it so all of our care would be provided on one floor," said NHS Interim president and CEO Sue Matthews.

As of now, patients are split between the first and second floor making it difficult for the nursing staff to consult with one another and for patients to access different rooms.

What used to be the obstetrics wing will become the new home to 46 complex and palliative care beds, a family room, a new physiotherapy gym, recreational space for people to learn basic living skills and an occupational therapy room.

"Dedicated palliative care rooms are very important to patients and their families,"

said Wendy Robb, NHS health program director, pointing out the new rooms will be furnished with La-Z-Boy reclining chairs for family members to stay the night, new refrigerators, microwaves, and lighting to help create a "home-like environment."

Patients will also benefit from a better heating and ventilation system.

The NHS Foundation and the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation are both contributing \$175,000 and the NHS is providing the remaining \$150,000.

Robb said she's hoping for the wing to be open within six months.

"Our community supporters have donated generously to this initiative and we are looking forward to watching this transformation take shape," said Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation chairman Paul Fell.

The palliative care program is driven by lead physician Dr. Kim Scher.

Complex care is a specialized, time-limited program providing patients with certain medical conditions who require a hospital stay with ongoing, onsite assessment and care with a goal to enhance health and quality of life.

Palliative care is intended to comfort and support individuals living with life-ending illnesses.

Renovations have already started with a wheelchair accessible shower room being completed earlier this year and a separate sun-room project was completed this summer on the first floor.



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Wendy Robb, health program director with the Niagara Health System, points to what will be one of the new palliative care rooms at Douglas Memorial Hospital to Paul Fell, DMM Foundation chairman.

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InfoCision Management Corporation's chief of staff Steve Brubaker with Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor, mayor Doug Martin and Claude Pilato from the EDTC.

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

## InfoCision celebrates first year in Fort Erie

It's been a productive year for InfoCision, during its time in Fort Erie.

On Thursday, the local corporation celebrated one year of operation in town with local leaders, employees and friends in the community.

Mayor Martin, along

with the EDTC and Kim Craitor's office, presented the company with certificates of recognition.

InfoCision Call Centre Manager Janet Wasson also spoke, thanking employees for their role in the success the company has experienced in its first year in the community.

Chief of Staff Steve Brubaker offered the final remarks, thanking Fort Erie and the EDTC for helping InfoCision to get the facility up and running, and for continued support.

In addition, Brubaker noted that local employment has grown to more than 100 people from 35 just one year ago, and he expects the location's success to continue.

"It's hard to believe it has already been a year since we opened this facility, but it has been a year of great growth and success," said Brubaker. "I really want to thank our employees, who have been the catalysts for that success, and the community which has always been so gracious to us. The quality of work we've been able to provide for our clients here in Fort Erie is outstanding, and I expect us to find continued success here."

InfoCision's Fort Erie location is the company's first facility located outside the United States. It was created last year to serve InfoCision's Canadian clientele and their customers; keeping with the company's belief that agents who understand the language and cultural nuances of the people on the other end of the phone are going to produce better phone calls and higher customer satisfaction.

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## He's a Survivorman



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Les Stroud, who is best known for his TV series "Survivorman," plays with his band Les Stroud and the Campfire Kings at the Sanctuary for the Arts on Ridge Road last Friday. Stroud and his band performed several original songs. He also fielded many questions from audience members about his TV show.

## Harvest Tea



**KRIS DUBÉ** Fort Erie Times

The Bowen Road Women's Institute, a local organization that has been around for over 100 years is getting ready for their annual Harvest Tea and Luncheon on Sept. 29 at the People's Memorial United Church in Ridgeway. Getting some of the decorative accessories ready for the event this week were president Doryne Levers, left, Margaret Costiff, Marjorie Jolliffe, Lynne Frayle, Loretta Farkas, Ruth Fitzgerald and Laurel Jacobs. The community is invited to the event, which starts at noon.



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- Dufferin Islands
- Thompson Point

A public information centre (PIC) will be held to provide members of the community an opportunity to meet the project team, review the proposed concept, and discuss matters related to the evaluation process:

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Anyone with an interest in the project is invited to attend. If you cannot attend either of the PIC and would like to ask questions and/or provide comments, please forward them by September 30, 2012 to:

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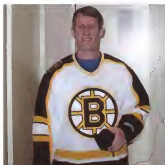
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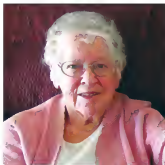
**Announcements**

**Birthday greetings**



**Happy 50th Birthday  
Scott Biller**

September 27th  
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**Happy 90th Birthday  
Kathleen Oakley**  
Love, all your friends

*A million times I've needed you  
A million times I've cried,  
If love could have saved you  
You never would have died.  
Things we feel most deeply  
Are the hardest things to say,  
My dearest one, I loved you,  
In a very special way.  
If it could have one lifetime wish  
One dream that could come true,  
I'd pray to God with all my heart  
For yesterday and you.*

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**Anniversaries**



**Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary  
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**Deaths**



De **SIMONE, Gina** - Peacefully at Maple Park Lodge, Fort Erie on Thursday, September 20th, 2012 in her 95th year. Born April 12th, 1918 in Collebrincioni, L'Aquila, Italy. Beloved wife of the late Aurelio De Simone (September 21st, 1964). Deeply loved stepmother of John De Simone of Stevensville and Elida De Simone-Ireland (Roger) of Niagara Falls. Predeceased by her parents Maria and Giuseppe De Simone, brothers Giosè, Marino, Vincenzo, Remo and Franco De Simone, sister Stessila De Felice, sisters-in-law Silvia and Candida De Simone. Survived by sisters-in-law Linda (Fort Erie), Rosa (Italy) and Marguerite De Simone (Venezuela). Gina was a very loving and dedicated wife, mother, sister, aunt and nanny to Patricia Veroli. Survived and loved by several nieces and nephews. She was a parishioner of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Special thanks to Dr. Claudius Che and the wonderful staff of Maple Park Lodge for their exceptional care of our mother. The family will receive their friends at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wilmute Street, Fort Erie on Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Celebrated at St. Michael's Church, Fort Erie on Monday, September 24th at 10:30 a.m. The Rite of Committal at Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Erie. The Vigil will be Celebrated at the Funeral Home on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region. On-line condolences at [www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com)

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**HEBBOURN, Richard N. "Dick"** - In his 82nd year, born in Bridgeburg to Harry and Louisa, after a stubborn battle with lung cancer, he succumbed to the rigours of the disease on September 20, 2012. Dick Hebbourn, beloved husband of the late Barbara (2007). He was predeceased by all three of his children who were also taken by lung cancer, Donna (1992), Rick (2011) and Barb (2011). He will be sadly missed by his step-children Brian Casey (Marna), Carolyn Kell (Reg), Michael Casey (Suzie) and Stephen Casey (Marianne) and by his daughter-in-law Doris Hebbourn and sons-in-law Dave Long and Jim Ashton. He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Carolee, Kelsey, Mitchell, Matthew, Mikayla, Tyler, Billy, Chrissy, Rick, Jen, Sarah, Nick, Carly and David. He was also fortunate to behold many great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Hilda Robinson. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Bonner Ave Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday September 23rd, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Celebration of Life will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Monday September 24th, at 11am. Donations to Douglas Memorial Hospital, Palliative Care would be appreciated by the family.

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appreciation.**  
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## Deaths



**McQUEEN, Walter Raymond.** It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Walt on August 21, 2012 at the young age of 50. Predeceased by his mother and father, Shirley and Walter McQueen. He will be greatly missed by his son Matthew Patrick McQueen and his daughter Alexandra Grace McQueen, and the mother of his children and long time friend Mary Mullan.

*There is a sad and sweet remembrance,  
There is memory fond and true;  
There is a token of affection  
And a heartache still for you.*

Memoriam Verse #35  
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## In memoriam



**McIntosh, Scott** - In loving memory of Scott, who passed away two years ago on September 20, 2010.

*Sadly missed and always in our hearts.*

- Wife Judi, mother-in-law Helen, David, Naomi, Tracy, Mike, Joey, Amy, Stephen and Taylor



*Time takes away the edge of grief,  
But memory turns back every leaf!*

Memoriam Verse #39  
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## In memoriam

**Rick Benner**

In memory of Rick Benner  
April 1954 - September 2009  
We won't ever forget the day,  
That you had to leave and go away.  
We think of you often Dad,  
And all the special times we had,  
We keep you close to our heart,  
Ever since the day we had to part.  
Love Your Kids and Grandchildren



## In memoriam



We were unable to pay our last respects to a friend and co-worker who passed away August 22, 2012. No matter what the outcome of circumstances **Walter McQueen** was still a friend and co-worker to all of us for many years. Walter is going to be sadly missed by us all. From all of his friends.

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## Billy Grey Cup champs



It was an incredible end to a great season. It was the hard work and team effort by Fort Erie's Under 10 boys travel soccer team that earned them the Billy Grey Cup. The boys played their best games of the season during their playoff series allowing only one goal in all 3 playoff games, including their 4-1 Championship win! Team members include: Luke Reddon, Austin Ladouceur, Cody Miskolczi, Conlan Kelis, Cameron Spada, Liam Ioanidis, Zachary Tyrrell, Ethan Culp, Zachary Briggs, Samuel Beifuss, Connor Christopher and Landyn Desmarais. The team was proudly coached by Jeremy Tyrrell, Rob Ioanidis and Bryen Desmarais.

## Meteors win in OT

The Fort Erie Meteors are at fifty percent in the win column this season so far, after four games.

The opener of the season saw the Meteors open the floodgates against the Buffalo Blades with a 7-2 win.

The next game was a 7-2 loss to the St. Catharines Falcons.

Last Saturday, the Meteors lost a close game to the Welland Jr. Canadians 4-3.

Nik Passero had two goals, Dallas Ingram had a goal and

an assist and Alex Untersberger had one assist.

On Thursday, the Meteors visited the Thorold Blackhawks and pulled off a 4-3 overtime win. Alex Untersberger netted the winning goal. Jordan Bailey had a pair of goals and a pair of assists, Jesse Parker had a goal and an assist, Riley Devine had two assists and Austin Carroll had an assist. The Meteors welcome the Niagara Falls Canucks tonight at the Leisureplex for a 7:15 p.m. puck drop.

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## Crystal Beach 5K all set for Oct. 6

Kris Dubé  
Editor

Crystal Beach is a pocket of Fort Erie that sees its fair share of visitors, especially during the summer months. But the annual Crystal Beach 5K Run and Walk is a way of attracting people during a different time of year, says event organizer Phil Smith.

When the event was held for the first time eight years ago, having about 70 participants was something to be proud of.

Last year, there were over 400 participants and Smith said this is proof it's an event there is plenty of anticipation and excitement for.

"It's grown every year, pretty steadily," he said. It will be held on Oct. 6 this time around.

In 2011, Smith said there were 50 communities from both the United States and



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— Phil Smith

Canada represented in the race.

"Our race has a reputation for being a nice, flat and fast course," said Smith.

The event accommodates many types of individuals... whether you are a competitive runner or someone who simply wants to support a community event, there is a place for you there.

"That's why we've seen so much success in seeing it grow," said Smith.

It's even a "dog-friendly" event.

"It really is for everybody." The race is followed by an after-party with live music. Cost to register before Sept. 24 is \$20 and after that

\$25. Visit [www.crystalbeach5k.com](http://www.crystalbeach5k.com) for more information on registration.

## PASTA NIGHT

**All You Can Eat Pasta & Meatballs**

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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